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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Communication dated March 13, 2006, and to a Decision on Appeal dated February 28, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced identified US patent application as follows.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/**Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.